

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 828 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to produce a variety of habitat corridor and vegetation mapping products in coordination with federal, state and local agencies and the public.

This bill is redundant. The Wildlife Conservation Board voted at its August 2007 meeting to approve funding for a mapping effort by the Department which will accomplish most of the goals of AB 828 and lay the ground work for an on-going, state-of-the-art mapping program.

In addition, the Department was tasked with, and agreed to, several mandates contained in the 2007 Budget Act that relate to mapping. The Department is already working on these products. Consequently, additional statutory mandates at this point are unnecessary and unwarranted.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger